

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 43

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Pat Boone for his thirty-five years of laudable service to Bethel Bible Village.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those exemplary persons who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life of the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is celebrated singer and entertainer Pat Boone who, for the last thirty-five years, has graciously served as the Celebrity Host of the Pat Boone-Bethel Spectacular; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of his distinguished service as the Celebrity Host of the Bethel Spectacular, Pat Boone has helped Bethel Bible Village raise more than \$3 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1954 by prison evangelist Floyd Hipp and his wife, Helen, Bethel Bible Village is a Christ-centered residential care agency whose mission is to provide safe, nurturing, and Christ-centered homes for children of families in crisis, and equip and inspire them to live productive Christian lives; and

WHEREAS, functioning under the tagline "Building Christ-centered lives...one child at a time," Bethel Bible Village has admirably served a total of 1,455 children and their families since its inception in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Pat Boone's generous endorsement and support of the Pat Boone-Bethel Spectacular has brought local and national attention to Bethel Bible Village and its vision of seeing children transformed by the redemptive power of Jesus Christ and empowered to fulfill all of their God-given potential; and

WHEREAS, a faithful and true friend to the children of Bethel Bible Village, Pat Boone's strong Christian testimony and stalwart character have had a positive and indelible impact on the residents and the ministry of Bethel Bible Village; and

WHEREAS, this year being the last year for master entertainer Pat Boone to serve as Celebrity Host, the Pat Boone-Bethel Spectacular planned for May 19-21, 2011, is sure to be a huge success; and

WHEREAS, Pat Boone's service to Bethel Bible Village is immeasurable; for thirty-five years, he has selflessly used his celebrity for the betterment of the young people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to pay tribute to this remarkable man who has given so much to the children of Bethel Bible Village and the citizens of this great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and applaud renowned singer and entertainer Pat Boone and his thirty-five years of service as Celebrity Host of the Pat Boone-Bethel Spectacular, commend his considerable contributions to Bethel Bible Village, and impart our heartfelt gratitude for his altruistic efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Pat Boone our best wishes for the success of the 2011 Pat Boone-Bethel Spectacular and for his success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy. now, therefore,